IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 15, and AMEND claims 18, 19 and 26 in accordance with the following:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system comprising:

an operation screen unit capable of displaying information and detecting a touch operation on a surface thereof;

a first display control unit controlling display of the information on said operation screen unit; and

an operation mode selecting unit selecting any one of two or more operation modes with respect to the touch operation,

wherein a first mode is settable to provide a first function corresponding to the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and

a second mode is settable to provide a second function of displaying a marker for indicating a detection of the touch in a touch position if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and the first function corresponding to the touch operation is not executed.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a connecting module for connecting a display device capable of displaying information in addition to said operation screen unit,

wherein said display device is connected via said connecting module,

said first display control unit controls the display of the information on said display device and the display of the information on said operation screen unit, and

the second mode is settable to provide a second function of displaying a marker for indicating a detection of the touch in at least one of a touch position and a display position on said

display device which is determined based on the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, the second function is provided instead of the first function or together with the first function.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 2, wherein said first display control unit executes the control so that the information is exclusively displayed on any one of said display device and said operation screen unit.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a connecting module for connecting a display device capable of displaying information in addition to said operation screen unit, and

a second display control unit,

wherein said display device is connected via said connecting module,

said first display control unit controls display of a first item of information on said operation screen unit,

said second display control unit controls display of a second item of information on said display device, and

the second mode is settable to provide a second function of displaying a marker for indicating a detection of the touch in at least one of a touch position and a display position on said display device which is determined based on the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, the second function is provided instead of the first function or together with the first function.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system comprising:

an operation screen unit capable of displaying information and detecting a touch operation on a surface thereof;

a first display control unit controlling display of the information on said operation screen unit; and

a control unit controlling execution and display modes on said operation screen unit,

wherein if the execution mode is selected a command corresponding to the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit is executed, and

if the display mode is selected a marker displaying a detection of the touch in a

corresponding touch position if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and the command corresponding to the touch operation is not executed.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a connecting module for connecting a display device capable of displaying information in addition to said operation screen unit,

wherein said display device is connected via said connecting module,

said first display control unit controls the display of the information on said display device and the display of the information on said operation screen unit, and

the display mode displays a marker for indicating a detection of the touch in at least one of a touch position and a display position on said display device which is determined based on the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and the command corresponding to the touch operation is not executed.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 6, wherein said first display control unit executes the control so that the information is exclusively displayed on any one of said display device or said operation screen unit.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a connecting module for connecting a display device capable of displaying information in addition to said operation screen unit, and

a second display control unit,

wherein said display device is connected via said connecting module,

said first display control unit controls display of a first item of information on said operation screen unit,

said second display control unit controls display of a second item of information on said display device, and

the display mode displays a marker for indicating a detection of the touch in at least one of a touch position and a display position on said display device which is determined based on the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and the command corresponding to the touch operation is not executed.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system, to which a display unit displaying information and a pointing device for indicating coordinates on said display unit are connectable, said system comprising:

a detection unit detecting an operator's input operation of indicating the coordinates by use of said pointing device; and

a display control unit displaying a marker for showing the respective coordinates on said display unit indicated by the input operation,

an operation mode selecting unit selecting any one of a first operation mode for providing a first function of executing a normal command corresponding to the operator's input operation using said pointing device, and a second operation mode for displaying the marker for a predetermined time and not executing the normal command corresponding to the operator's input operation using the pointing device.

10. CANCELLED.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 9, wherein said display control unit erases the marker after the marker has been displayed for a predetermined time.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 11, wherein said display control unit, if an elapse time till a posterior coordinate indication since an anterior coordinate indication is longer than the predetermined time, erases the marker displayed by the anterior coordinate indication and displays the marker at the coordinates indicated posteriorly.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 9, wherein said pointing device is a touch panel provided on said display unit.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An information processing system according to claim 9, further comprising:

a connecting module to which other display device on which to set display coordinates corresponding to the coordinates on said display unit, is connected,

wherein said display control unit controls display of information on at least one of said display unit and said other display device, and displays the marker on at least one of said display

unit and said other display device on which the information is being displayed.

15. CANCELLED.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of controlling an information processing system, to which a display device is connected, having an operation screen unit capable of displaying information and detecting a touch operation on its surface, said method comprising, when no information is displayed on said operation screen unit, functions of:

detecting the touch operation on said operation screen unit;

displaying a marker in a coordinate position on said display device, which corresponds to a position of the detected touch on said operation screen unit;

detecting the position of a mode selection switch; and

if the mode selection switch is in a first position, executing a function indicated by the marker on said display device, and if the mode selection switch is in a second position continuing to display the marker in the coordinate position on said display device for a predetermined time, and not executing the function indicated by the marker on said display.

17. CANCELLED.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a machine, ~~tangible~~ tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for processing in response to user instruction using an operation screen unit, the method comprising:

setting an information processing system including an operation screen unit capable of displaying information and detecting a touch operation on its surface to any one of two or more operation modes; and

displaying the information on at least one of said operation screen unit and other display device connected to the information processing system,

wherein the operation modes include:

a first mode settable to provide a first function corresponding to the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and

a second mode ~~is~~ settable to provide a second function of displaying a marker for indicating a detection of the touch operation in at least one of a touch position on the operation screen unit and a corresponding display position on said display device, which is determined based on the touch operation ~~of~~ if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and the second

function is provided instead of the first function or together with the first function.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a ~~machine~~computer, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the ~~machine~~ computer to perform a method for processing in response to user instruction using an operation screen unit, the method comprising:

displaying information on at least one of an operation screen unit capable of displaying the information and detecting a touch operation on its surface and other display device connected to the computer;

detecting the touch operation on said operation screen unit;

distinguishing between operation modes on said operation screen unit;

wherein the operation modes include:

a first mode settable to provide a first function corresponding to the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, and

a second mode is settable to provide a second function of displaying a marker for indicating a detection of the touch in at least one of a touch position and a corresponding display position on said display device which is determined based on the touch operation if the touch operation is detected on said operation screen unit, the second function is provided instead of the first function or together with the first function.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A storage medium readable by a machine, to which a display unit can be connected, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for processing in response to user instruction using the display unit, the method comprising:

detecting an operator's input operation of indicating the coordinates on a display unit by use of a pointing device being connected to the computer;

displaying a marker for showing the respective coordinates on said display unit indicated by the input operation;

selecting any one of a first operation mode for providing a first function of executing a normal process corresponding to the operator's input operation using said pointing device, and a second operation mode for displaying the marker in the coordinate position on said display unit for a predetermined time, and not executing the function indicated by the marker on said display.

21. CANCELLED.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 20, of instructions executable by the machine, the method further comprising:

erasing the marker after the marker has been displayed for a predetermined time.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 22, of instructions executable by the machine, the method further comprising:

calculating an elapse time till a posterior coordinate indication since an anterior coordinate indication; and displaying the marker at the coordinates indicated

posteriorly after erasing the marker displayed by the anterior coordinate indication if the elapse time is longer than the predetermined time.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 20, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said pointing device is a touch panel provided on said display unit, and

said detecting an operator's input operation is a process of detecting an operator's coordinate indicating operation on said touch panel.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 20, of instructions executable by the machine, the method further comprising:

controlling the display of the information on at least one of said display unit provided on said computer and other display device, connected to said computer, on which display coordinates corresponding to the coordinates on said display unit are set; and

displaying the marker on at least one of said display unit and said other display device on which the information is being displayed.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information processing system, comprising:

an operation screen unit capable of displaying information and detecting a touch operation by a user on a surface thereof;

a display control unit controlling display of the information on ~~said~~ the operation screen unit~~; and~~, wherein a display mode of the display control unit is settable to display a marker on the

operation screen unit corresponding to a touch position of the detected touch operation, and executing a command corresponding to the information at the touch ~~location~~ position if the user touches the operation screen unit within a region of the touch position and ~~is discarded~~discarding the command corresponding to the information at the touch position if the user touches the operation screen unit at a new touch position outside the region of the touch position while displaying the marker at the new touch position.